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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PORT VISITS WILL BE HANDLED IN A ROUTINE MANNER WHEN DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN FULLY COORDINATED WITH EMBASSIES CONCERNED.

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MENTS OF DEPLOYMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. ADDEES SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION, BUT IF ASKED, MAY DRAW IN LOW KEY MANNER ON FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (APPROVED BY DOD):

A. RESPONSES TO QUERIES WILL NOT DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATIONS, AND ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE RESPONDED TO WITH QUOTE WE DO NOT DISCUSS FUTURE OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OF OUR FORCES. UNQUOTE.

B. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS TO BE USED IN RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERIES AFTER THE TASK GROUP HAS ENTERED THE INDIAN OCEAN ON 14 MAY: QUOTE A FOUR-SHIP PACIFIC FLEET TASK GROUP IS CURRENTLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE TASK GROUP CONSISTS OF THE GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER USS STERETT (CG-31), THE DESTROYER USS MORTON (DD-948), THE FRIGATE USS BRADLEY (FF-1041) AND THE OILER USNS MISPILLION (TAO-105). THE TASK GROUP IS COMMANDED BY RADM F.H. MILLER, USN, COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER GROUP ONE AND COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE, SEVENTH FLEET (TASK FORCE SEVEN FIVE) EMBARKED IN USS STERETT. THE SHIPS' COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE: USS STERETT, CAPTAIN C.G. FARNHAM; USS MORTON, LCDR M.G. BELL; USS BRADLEY, CDR T.F. LETTINGTON; AND USNS MISPILLION, MASTER L.O. NASSET. UNQUOTE.

C. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERIES ONLY:

Q.1. IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TIMING OF THIS

DEPLOYMENT?

A.1. NO. THIS IS A ROUTINE DEPLOYMENT IN KEEPING WITH U.S. POLICY OF CONDUCTING NAVAL OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND WITH PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS TO OP-
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Q.2. WHY ARE YOU DEPLOYING NAVAL SHIPS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS RAISED THE ISSUE OF DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.2. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ANNOUNCED THE UNITED STATES' OBJECTIVE OF DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. THIS ISSUE IS ONE THAT WE INTEND TO PURSUE FURTHER WITH THE SOVIET UNION. ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN OUR PERIODIC DEPLOYMENT POLICY WOULD HAVE TO OCCUR WITHIN A CONTEXT OF MUTUAL US-USSR MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE REGION.

Q.3. WILL THE SHIPS IN THE TASK GROUP MAKE PORT CALLS DURING THE DEPLOYMENT?

A.3. YES. THE SHIPS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE PORT CALLS. LOCATIONS WILL BE RELEASED AS THEY OCCUR.

Q.4. ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR THE SHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MAJOR EXERCISES?

A.4. NO, ALTHOUGH OUR SHIPS CUSTOMARILY STAND READY TO CAPITALIZE ON ROUTINE AT SEA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY OCCUR ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS DURING THESE DEPLOYMENTS.

Q.5. HOW MANY PACIFIC FLEET DEPLOYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE 1972?

A.5. THERE HAVE BEEN THIRTEEN PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENTS BY PACIFIC FLEET TASK GROUPS. THE LAST DEPLOYMENT WAS CONDUCTED FROM LATE JANUARY TO EARLY MARCH 1977 BY USS ENTERPRISE, USS LONG BEACH, AND USS TRUXTUN.

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Q.7. WHEN DID THE SHIPS ENTER THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A.7. THE SHIPS PASSED THROUGH THE LOMBOK STRAITS AND
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